

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, the claims have been retained in their present form. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

CONFUSION CONCERNING TWO FIGURES PRESENTED AS VISUAL AIDS IN RESPONSE OF JANUARY 26, 2005:

As was discussed with Ms. Spruell on April 19, 2005, apparently there was some confusion regarding FIGs. 1-2 that were included in the response of January 26, 2005 to the Office Action of September 28, 2004. It appears that the USPTO incorrectly assumed that the two figures presented as visual aids were replacement figures for the application, and thus believed that the presented figures were in the incorrect format. This is not the case. FIGs. 1-2 which were presented at the end of the amendment filed January 26, 2005 were simply visual aids to aid the Examiner in reviewing the arguments presented therein.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the Response filed January 26, 2005 is in correct form and is a compliant amendment. Applicant apologizes for the confusion.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment with respect to the Response filed January 26, 2005 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION:

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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